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currently a resident of Riverside County, California.	At all times relevant hereto, BEAGLE was
employed in Humboldt County, California, a female	, and an "employee" as defined by California
Government Code Section 12926.	

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- 2. BEAGLE is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant, RITE AID CORPORATION (hereinafter "RITE AID") is incorporated in the State of Delaware, maintains its principle place of business in the State of Pennsylvania at 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011, is one of the nation's leading drugstore chains, operating more than 5,000 stores in 31 states, including the State of California, and the District of Columbia, and is the largest drug store chain on the East Coast and the third largest drug store chain in the United States. BEAGLE is informed and believes and thereon alleges that RITE AID is an "employer" as defined by Government Code Sections 12926(d), 12940(a), and 12940(j)(4)(A). RITE AID and Does 1-100 are referred to collectively as "Defendants."
- 3. This action is of a civil nature involving, exclusive of interest and costs, a sum in excess of \$75,000. Every issue of law and fact in this action is wholly between citizens of different states and/or a citizen of a foreign state.
- 4. The acts and omissions of Defendants alleged herein, except as otherwise noted, occurred in Humboldt County, California.
- 5. BEAGLE is not aware of the true names and capacities of the Defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 100, inclusive, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, and therefore sues such Defendants by such fictitious names. BEAGLE will amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. BEAGLE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the fictitiously named Defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and that BEAGLE'S injuries and damages herein alleged were legally caused by such Defendants. Unless otherwise indicated, each Defendant was acting within the course and scope of said agency and/or employment, with the knowledge and/or consent of said Co-Defendant.

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6. BEAGLE is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that at all times mentioned herein, each of the Defendants, including each Doe Defendant, was acting as the agent, servant, employee, partner and/or joint venturer of and was acting in concert with each of the remaining Defendants, including each Doe Defendant, in doing the things herein alleged, while at all times acting within the course and scope of such agency, service, employment partnership, joint venture and/or concert of action. Each Defendant, in doing the acts alleged herein, was acting both individually and within the course and scope of such agency and/or employment, with the knowledge and/or consent of the remaining Defendants.

#### VENUE AND JURISDICTION

7. Venue is proper in this court, because the acts and omissions of Defendants alleged herein, except as otherwise noted, occurred in Humboldt County, California . Jurisdiction is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1332

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 8. BEAGLE, a female in her early forties (40's), began working for RITE AID on or about August 1998 as a Sales Clerk/Cashier at the RITE AID drug store located at 725 South Fortuna Blvd. in Fortuna, California. At the time of her termination, BEAGLE earned \$11.35 per hour.
- 9. BEAGLE is informed and believes and thereon alleges Chris Young became a RITE AID employee at the Fortuna, California store on or about 2000. Chris Young was promoted to Shift Supervisor on or about April 17, 2005. Chris Young was a "supervisor" within the meaning of California Government Code Section 12926(r), is the alleged harasser herein, and exercised substantial discretionary authority over significant aspects of RITE AID'S business before being fired by RITE AID on or about August 2005.
- Within the first year that Chris Young began his employment with RITE AID, 10. BEAGLE was subjected to Chris Young's lewd and derogatory sexual behavior and comments. BEAGLE also witnessed Chris Young checking out the attractive women, particularly those with large breasts or scantily clothed, that entered the store. While looking at the women, Chris

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Young would widen his eyes and stare and in no way attempted to hide his sexual attraction and excitement for such women. Chris Young later also remarked about having fantasies about particular women that entered the store. Such conduct continued by Chris Young throughout BEAGLE'S employment at RITE AID. Chris Young also discussed his sexual history, or lack thereof with BEAGLE, often flexing his bicep and referring it to his "jack off muscle." While flexing his self-declared "jack-off muscle" Chris Young told BEAGLE "I never get laid, this is my jack off muscle" or words to that effect.

- 11. On one occasion, on or about April 2005, Chris Young took a piece of wood that had come off a wood pallet and stuck it between his legs near his intimate area. While thrusting the piece of wood towards BEAGLE, who was walking in the hallway towards her locker, Chris Young stated, in a sexually derogatory manner, "Hey Kim, do you want some of my wood," or words to that effect.
- 12. During her employ with RITE AID, BEAGLE complained to the Assistant Manager, Leslie Pogh about Chris Young's behavior, including a complaint approximately six months before Chris Young was promoted. BEAGLE also complained to Leslie Pogh about Chris Young's behavior the same day that Chris Young thrust the wood pallet piece towards her body. BEAGLE did not direct her complaints to the store manager, Leon Comerer, because she feared that he would react angrily or retaliate against her, and it was the common practice in the store to direct such complaints or concerns to Leslie Pogh.
- 12. Despite her complaints to Leslie Pogh, to the best of BEAGLE'S knowledge, RITE AID did nothing to investigate BEAGLE'S claim, remedy the harassment, prevent further harassment or retaliation, or discourage or discipline Chris Young for his actions. Rather, RITE AID promoted Chris Young to a Shift Supervisor, and Chris Young's lewd and derogatory behavior and comments continued, and escalated as set forth below on July 6, 2005.
- On or about July 6, 2005, towards the end of her shift, BEAGLE was working in 13. the photo department of the RITE AID store in Fortuna, California. At that time, Chris Young was also overseeing the photo department and noticed a young woman enter the store. Chris

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Young then commented to Beagle that the young woman was "hot", that he had seen her and friend come into the store before and that he had been having lesbian fantasies about them. The young woman then proceeded to the photo department where BEAGLE assisted her. After the transaction was complete, BEAGLE accidentally dropped her pen on the floor. While BEAGLE was bent over picking up her pen, Chris Young positioned himself next to her and as BEAGLE was returning to a standing position, Chris Young pushed BEAGLE'S head back down in between his legs and into his intimate area. While pushing her head, Chris Young stated, "I like you better down there," or words to that effect. BEAGLE was instantly offended by Chris Young's actions and told Chris Young that he could not behave like that. BEAGLE then clocked out to go home, as it was the end of her shift.

14. On or about July 8, 2005, BEAGLE returned to work for the first time after the incident and immediately reported the July 6, 2005 incident concerning Chris Young to the Store Manager, Leon Comerer. Despite her report, Leon Comerer did not take her complaint seriously. Leon Comerer displayed his lack of concern by rolling his eyes and laughing as she told the story. Before leaving Leon Comerer's office, BEAGLE told Leon Comerer that he needed to do something about Chris Young. Leon Comerer, stated that he was leaving that day to go on vacation and told BEAGLE, "You girls just gotta get to work." After Leon Comerer left for his vacation at approximately 11:45 a.m., Chris Young reported to work at approximately 12:00 p.m. After Chris Young's arrival, it soon became obvious to BEAGLE that no one at RITE AID had addressed Chris Young about her complaint. Feeling uncomfortable working with Chris Young and feeling a lack of support from RITE AID, BEAGLE informed Chris Young, the sole supervisor on duty, that she could not work that day and she went home. The next day, BEAGLE went to the doctor after being told by RITE AID supervisor, Cinda Hussey that despite her complaint against Chris Young that RITE AID did not appear to be addressing, that she needed a doctor's note in order to be excused from work. At the emergency room in Eureka, BEAGLE was evaluated, diagnosed with neck strain and social strain, and was given a note to be excused from work.

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- 15. On or about July 9, 2005 while BEAGLE was undergoing treatment at the emergency room, Chris Young's behavior as set forth above was reported to the Fortuna Police Department.
- 16. After reporting the sexual harassment, RITE AID failed to take appropriate action in sensitizing all concerned. RITE AID allowed rumors and hostility to develop in the Fortuna and Eureka stores against BEAGLE. The Store Manager, Leon Comerer told other employees and customers that he was terminated because of BEAGLE'S complaints of harassment. Store employees also gossiped about the complaints of harassment, and soon BEAGLE'S complaint was well known among her co-employees, as well as the residents of the small town of Fortuna. Employees also blamed BEAGLE for complaining of sexual harassment and the firing of Leon Comerer, as well as Chris Young. Because of the hostility, BEAGLE began to fear for own safety when leaving her home and was anxious that she might see Leon Comerer or other store employees. BEAGLE was terrified to return to work, as it was apparent that RITE AID had taken a "blame the victim" approach to her complaints and/or failed to prevent such an approach from developing among the employees and management.
- 17. As a result of the harassment and retaliation, BEAGLE was diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, trouble sleeping, possible occasional panic attacks, avoidance and feelings of abandonment; was prescribed medication; and put on medical leave by her doctors. BEAGLE had her medical prescriptions filled at the RITE AID store in Fortuna. Although she believed the information concerning the medications would remain confidential, BEAGLE later learned that an employee in the pharmacy department told other non-pharmacy RITE AID employees the type of medication that BEAGLE was taking. When she discovered that the type of medication she was taking had become public knowledge among the employees at the RITE AID store in Fortuna, BEAGLE complained to RITE AID about the disclosure of this private information.
- 18. BEAGLE returned to the RITE AID store in Fortuna, California on or about August 2005 to have her son drop off her doctor's notes to the supervisor on duty. BEAGLE

remained in the car to avoid any social distress involved in returning to the store and being put into a position where she would have to confront Chris Young or other store employees. After receiving the doctor's note, Cinda Hussey, the supervisor on duty, came out of the store and confronted BEAGLE. Cinda Hussey accused BEAGLE of forging the doctor's signature and thereafter crumpled up the doctor's note and threw it in BEAGLE'S face.

- 19. Because of the continued harassment and retaliation against her BEAGLE did not return to work at the RITE AID store in Fortuna. Due to the hostile work environment at the RITE AID store in Fortuna, and acting upon the advice of her union representative, BEAGLE requested a transfer to the Eureka store. In response to her request to transfer, Human Resources Manager, Steve Shipman told BEAGLE over the telephone that such a transfer would likely be impossible because of seniority issues. BEAGLE never heard any other response to her request to transfer until over a year later while BEAGLE'S claims, as set forth herein, were pending with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (hereinafter "DFEH") and the DFEH was trying to arrange a settlement. DFEH was unable to arrange a settlement and thereafter closed their investigation of BEAGLE'S claims. RITE AID terminated BEAGLE on or about April 2007, or approximately five days after the DFEH closed their investigation of BEAGLE'S claims.
- 20. On June 9, 2006, BEAGLE filed a complaint of discrimination with the DFEH, naming each of the above-named Defendants as respondents and/or in the body of the charge. On February 7, 2007, BEAGLE filed an Amended complaint of discrimination, naming each of the above-named Defendants as respondents and/or in the body of the charge with the DFEH.
- 21. On April 3, 2007, the DFEH issued BEAGLE a "Notice of Case Closure" that operates as a "Right To Sue Notice" against each of the above-named Defendants. BEAGLE filed this action within one year of the date of the "Right To Sue Notice" received from the DFEH, and has, therefore, properly exhausted her administrative remedies.
- 22. On February 6, 2008 and March 5, 2008, BEAGLE served each of the foregoing Defendants with a copy of the respective DFEH charges and respective "Notice of Case Closure"

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via certified mail with return receipt requested. On June 22, 2006, the DFEH served a copy of BEAGLE'S complaint of discrimination on RITE AID via certified mail with return receipt requested. Since then, informal efforts to resolve this matter were unsuccessful and BEAGLE was left no choice but to file this lawsuit to obtain appropriate redress.

- 23. The list of misconduct by RITE AID, its employees and/or agents and others contained in the above allegations is a partial list only, and by way of example.
- 24. Since her termination from RITE AID, BEAGLE has suffered economic damages, including loss of wages, loss of benefits, medical expenses and other past and future economic damages. BEAGLE has suffered severe emotional distress and physical symptoms as a result of this prolonged harassment, retaliation and termination of employment, such as fear, anxiety, loss of sleep, weight loss, nightmares, depression, hopelessness, embarrassment, humiliation, loss of self-esteem, among other things. As a further result of the wrongful acts of Defendants, and each of them BEAGLE has been forced to hire attorneys to prosecute her claims herein, and has incurred and is expected to incur attorneys' fees and costs in connection therewith.

### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION **VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE § 12940(i)** (Sexual Harassment) **Against RITE AID and DOES 1-10**

- 25. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 24 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 26. FEHA explicitly prohibits an employer or any other person from harassing an employee on the basis of sex pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(j). FEHA, under Government Code Section 12940 (j)(1), also provides that harassment by an employee, other than an agent or supervisor, shall be unlawful if the entity, or its agents or supervisors knows or should have known of the conduct and fails to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.

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- 27. Defendant, RITE AID at all times material hereto was BEAGLE'S employer pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(j)(4) and was therefore barred from harassing its employees on the basis of sex pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(j).
- 28. Defendants' sexual harassment as set forth above created an abusive working environment in violation of Government Code Section 12940(j). Defendants and each of them and/or their agents/employees sexually harassed plaintiff and/or failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action. The harassment was sufficiently pervasive and severe as to alter the conditions of employment and to create a hostile or abusive work environment. In addition, Defendants, and each of them and/or their agents/employees engaged in quid pro quo harassment.
- 29. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' harassment and the resulting hostile work environment, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, worry, fear, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.
- 30. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 31. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE § 12940(j) (Disability Harassment) Against RITE AID and DOES 11-20

32. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 31 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.

- 33. FEHA explicitly prohibits any employer or any other person from harassing an employee on the basis of a physical or mental disability pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(j). FEHA, under Government Code Section 12940 (j)(1), also provides that harassment by an employee, other than an agent or supervisor, shall be unlawful if the entity, or its agents or supervisors knows or should have known of the conduct and fails to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.
- 34. Defendant, RITE AID at all times material hereto was BEAGLE'S employer pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(j)(4) and was therefore barred from harassing its employees on the basis of a physical or mental disability pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(j).
- 35. At all times during her employment with RITE AID, BEAGLE suffered from a physical and/or mental disability that limited her ability to participate in major life activities, including without limitation, working.
- 36. Defendants' disability harassment as set forth above created an abusive working environment in violation of Government Code Section 12940(j). Defendants and each of them and/or their agents/employees harassed plaintiff and/or failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action. The harassment was sufficiently pervasive and severe as to alter the conditions of employment and to create a hostile or abusive work environment.
- 37. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' harassment and the resulting hostile work environment, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.
- 38. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.

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39. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION **VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE § 12940(a)** (Sex Discrimination) **Against RITE AID and DOES 21-30**

- BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 39 40. above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- FEHA explicitly prohibits any employer from discharging a person from 41. employment or to discriminate against such person in compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of sex pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(a).
- Defendant, RITE AID at all times material hereto was BEAGLE'S employer 42. pursuant to Government Code Section 12926(d) and was therefore barred from discriminating in its employment decisions on the basis of sex pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(a).
- At all times herein mentioned, BEAGLE was qualified for the position of a sales 43. clerk/cashier at RITE AID.
- 44. Nonetheless, as set forth above, RITE AID terminated BEAGLE based upon her sex in violation of Government Code Section 12940(a).
- As a direct and legal result of Defendants' discriminatory actions against her. 45. BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses. .
- 46. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.

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47. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE § 12940(k) (Failure to Prevent Discrimination and Harassment) **Against RITE AID and DOES 31-40**

- 48. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 47 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 49. FEHA, under Government Code Section 12940(k), requires an employer to "take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent discrimination and harassment from occurring."
- 50. Defendant, RITE AID at all times material hereto was BEAGLE'S employer pursuant to Government Code Section 12926(d), and was therefore required to prevent discrimination and harassment as set forth in Government Code Section 12940(k).
- RITE AID knew or should have known of the hostile work environment created 51. by Chris Young and DOES 31-40s', harassment and discrimination. Among other things, BEAGLE reported Chris Young's harassing and discriminatory conduct to Assistant Manager, Leslie Pogh and Store Manager, Leon Comerer, but was ignored, as set forth above.
- 52. Nonetheless, RITE AID did nothing to rectify said discrimination and harassment, and failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent harassment from occurring in violation of Government Code Section 12940(j)(1) and (k). RITE AID failed to affirmatively raise the subject of harassment, failed to express strong disapproval, failed to develop appropriate sanctions, and failed to inform employees how to raise and pursue their legal rights to be free from sexual harassment, and/or failed to sensitize all concerned. Instead, RITE AID allowed a hostile environment to develop against BEAGLE and then terminated BEAGLE.
- 53. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' discriminatory and harassing actions against her, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance,

distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, and lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.

- 54. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 55. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 12940(h) (Pataliation For Opposing Discrimination And Harassmant)

(Retaliation For Opposing Discrimination And Harassment)
Against RITE AID and DOES 41-50

- 56. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 55 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 57. FEHA explicitly prohibits an employer or person from discharging, expelling, or otherwise discriminating against any person because the person has opposed any practices forbidden under FEHA or because the person has filed a complaint, testified or assisted in any proceeding under FEHA pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(h).
- 58. Defendant, RITE AID at all times material hereto was BEAGLE'S employer pursuant to Government Code Section 12926(d) and was therefore barred from retaliating against its employees pursuant to Government Code Section 12940(h).
- 59. At all relevant times herein and in violation of Government Code Section 12940(h), Defendants and each of them, and/or their agents/employees, as set forth above retaliated against BEAGLE by adversely affecting BEAGLE'S employment after she complained about and/or opposed harassment and discrimination on the basis of sex. As a result

of said opposition, BEAGLE suffered the adverse employment actions as described above, including termination. There is a causal link between BEAGLE'S protected opposition to harassment and discrimination and the adverse employment action in that, inter alia, the retaliation commenced and/or intensified shortly after each act of opposition or complaint.

- 60. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' retaliation, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.
- 61. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 62. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION WRONGFUL TERMINATION IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC POLICY Against RITE AID and DOES 51-60

- 63. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 62 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 64. Government Code Section 12940 and Article 1, Section 8 of the California Constitution (see Eleventh Cause of Action) each embody a fundamental, substantial, and well-established public policy of the State of California prohibiting any employer from discharging a person from employment or from a training program leading to employment or to discriminate against the person in compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of sex.

- 65. As set forth above, Defendants violated the above fundamental public policy by discriminating against, harassing, and terminating BEAGLE on the basis of sex and/or a physical or mental disability.
- 66. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' discriminatory actions against her, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.
- 67. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 68. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

### SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE SECTION 1102.5 Against RITE AID DOES 61-70

- 69. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 68 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 70. Labor Code Section 1102.5 explicitly prohibits an employer from retaliating against an employee for disclosing information to a government or law enforcement agency where the employee has reasonable cause to believe that the information discloses a violation of a state or federal statute, or a violation or noncompliance with a state or federal rule or regulation.
- 71. Defendant, RITE AID at all times material hereto was BEAGLE'S employer.

  Defendant, RITE AID and/or its agents/employees, as set forth above retaliated against

  BEAGLE by adversely affecting BEAGLE'S employment after she complained about and/or

opposed harassment and discrimination on the basis of sex, race and/or disability to the Stockton Police Department and/or the DFEH. As a result of said report, BEAGLE suffered the adverse employment action as described above, including termination. There is a causal link between BEAGLE'S protected opposition to harassment and discrimination and the adverse employment actions in that, inter alia, the retaliation commenced shortly after her report to the Stockton Police Department and/or the DFEH.

- 72. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' retaliation, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.
- 73. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 74. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

# EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION ASSAULT Against RITE AID and DOES 71-80

- 75. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 74 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 76. The conduct of Defendants and their agents/employees caused BEAGLE to be apprehensive that Defendants would subject her to imminent batteries and/or intentional invasions of her right to be free from offensive and harmful contact, and said conduct demonstrated that Defendants had a present ability to subject BEAGLE to an immediate, intentional, offensive and harmful touching.

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- 77. The remaining Defendants and Does 71-80 ratified the above conduct by condoning such acts and conduct and failing to take any appropriate action.
- 78. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' aforementioned conduct, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.
- 79. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as 80. hereafter provided.

### NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION **Against RITE AID and DOES 81-90**

- BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 80 81. above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 82. The conduct of Defendants and their agents/employees as described above, constituted an unconsented and intentional invasion of BEAGLE'S right to be free from offensive and harmful physical contact.
- 83. The remaining Defendants and Does 81-90 ratified the above conduct by condoning such acts and conduct and failing to take any appropriate action.
- As a direct and legal result of Defendants' aforementioned conduct, BEAGLE has 84. suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.

85. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.

86. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

### TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION SEXUAL ASSAULT & BATTERY **Against RITE AID and DOES 91-100**

- 87. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 86 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 88. Civil Code Section 1708.5(a) provides that a person commits a sexual battery if one does any of the following "(1) Acts with the intent to cause a harmful or offensive contact with an intimate part of another, and a sexually offensive contact with that person directly or indirectly results. (2) Acts with the intent to cause a harmful or offensive contact with another by use of his or her intimate part, and a sexually offensive contact with that person directly or indirectly results. (3) Acts to cause an imminent apprehension of the conduct described in paragraph (1) or (2), and a sexually offensive contact with that person directly or indirectly results."
- 89. Chris Young's conduct, as set forth above constituted sexual battery in violation of Civil Code Section 1708.5(a). On or about July 6, 2005, Chris Young caused harmful and offensive contact with BEAGLE by shoving her head down in between his legs and in front his intimate area all of the while stating, "I like you better down there," or words to that effect.
- 90. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' aforementioned conduct, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear,

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- 91. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 92. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

### INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS Against RITE AID and DOES 1-10

- 93. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 92 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 94. The conduct of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, was outrageous and outside the normal scope of the employment relationship. Defendants, and each of them, knew that their conduct would result in BEAGLE'S severe emotional distress, and said conduct was perpetrated by Defendants, and each of them, with the intent to inflict, or with reckless disregard of the probability of inflicting, humiliation, mental anguish, and severe emotional distress upon BEAGLE. Such conduct did, in fact, result in severe emotional distress caused to the BEAGLE.
- 95. As a direct and legal result of Defendants' aforementioned conduct, BEAGLE has suffered great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, wage loss, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.

- 96. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 97. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

## TWELFTH INVASION OF PRIVACY Against RITE AID and DOES 11-20

- 98. BEAGLE hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 97 above as though fully set forth herein, except as said paragraphs are inconsistent with the allegations of this cause of action.
- 99. Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution guarantees every California citizen the right to privacy. Article I, Section 1 is applicable to private parties, including individual and corporate defendants, as alleged herein. Further, California recognizes a common law tort of invasion of privacy prohibiting, inter alia, intrusion upon seclusion, public disclosure of private facts, and publication of statements placing an individual in a false light.
- California common law and Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution. Defendant, RITE AID intruded upon BEAGLE'S privacy when an employee in the pharmacy department disclosed to other RITE AID employees the names of the medications that BEAGLE was taking while she was on medical leave for the symptoms she was experiencing from the acts of harassment and retaliation as alleged herein above. Plaintiff had a reasonable expectation of privacy in that California and federal law, and Defendant, RITE AID'S own written policies prohibited the conduct as alleged herein above. Defendant, RITE AID'S intrusions were highly

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offensive to a reasonable person, and were highly offensive to Plaintiff. Defendant, RITE AID'S conduct constitutes an invasion of privacy.

- 101. Defendant, RITE AID is liable for its employee's acts under the principle of respondent superior insofar as Defendant, RITE AID ratified its employees conduct by, inter alia, failing to discipline its employees or otherwise punish his or her actions or deter future conduct by him or her and by retaliating against BEAGLE for opposing the employee's conduct, as described herein above.
- 102. The above alleged intrusions on BEAGLE'S expectation of privacy is unjustified because, among other things, it does not substantially further any compelling, legitimate interest of Defendants and was, in fact, used to punish and retaliate against BEAGLE for her opposition to harassment and her participation in Defendant, RITE AID'S legally mandated "investigation."
- 103. As a proximate result of the wrongful acts of Defendants, and each of them, BEAGLE has suffered and continues to suffer great mental, physical, and nervous discomfort, annoyance, distress, anguish, fear, worry, anxiety, pain and suffering, wage loss, has lost income and related benefits, past and future, and medical expenses.
- 104. The acts taken toward BEAGLE were carried out by and/or ratified by Defendants and/or managing agent employees of Defendants acting in a despicable, oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, deliberate, egregious, and inexcusable manner in order to injure or damage BEAGLE, thereby justifying an award to her of punitive damages in a sum appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants, and each of them.
- 105. Wherefore, BEAGLE has been damaged as set forth below and requests relief as hereafter provided.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

98. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial.

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#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, BEAGLE prays judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. For compensatory and general damages, including lost wages and related benefits, and medical expenses in an amount according to proof, but in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limit of this Court;
- 2. For punitive and/or exemplary damages;
- 3. For statutory attorneys' fees and costs, including those available under Government Code Section 12965(b);
- For prejudgment and post-judgment interest according to any applicable provision 4. of law or as otherwise permitted by law, according to proof;
- 5. For costs of suit;
- For such other and further relief as the court deems proper. 6.

**DATED:** March (7, 2008)

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(c) Attorney's (Firm Name,	Address, and Telephone	Number)		Attorneys (If Kn	own)					
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